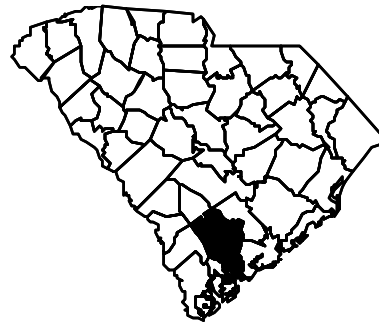


# ASTHMA IN COLLETON COUNTY



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## Impact of Asthma in the United States

- U.S. asthma lifetime cases more than doubled from an estimated 6.7 million to 31.3 million between 1980 and 2001.
- Costs for asthma have almost tripled from an estimated \$6.2 billion in 1990, to over \$16 billion in 2001.
- Five million U.S. children are asthmatic, more than the entire population of South Carolina.
- 4,222 people died of asthma in 2001.

## Asthma in South Carolina

- Annually about 264,000 South Carolinians suffer from asthma.
- In 2001, 1.2% (5,785) of ALL hospitalizations were for asthma.
- Asthma claimed the lives of 77 South Carolinians in 2001.

## Impact of Asthma in Colleton County

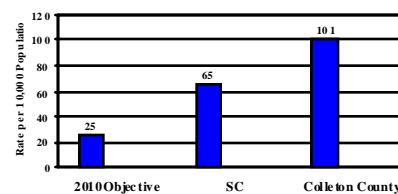
- About 1,233 (3.2%) adults in Colleton county suffer annually from asthma.
- In 2001, there were 124 hospitalizations for asthma in Colleton county for all ages.

## Children Suffer the Most from Asthma

- Asthma/Bronchitis is the leading cause of hospitalization in Colleton county for children under the age of 18.

- In 2001, there were 37 asthma hospitalizations of children (<18 years) in Colleton county.
- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma hospitalizations among children under age 5 years is 25 per 10,000 children.
- Colleton county had a rate of 101 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 65 per 10,000 children.

Comparison of Asthma Hospitalization Rates, Children Aged 0-5, Colleton County, 2001

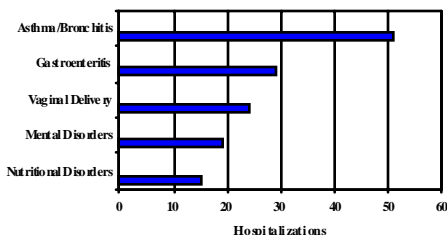


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## Cost of Asthma

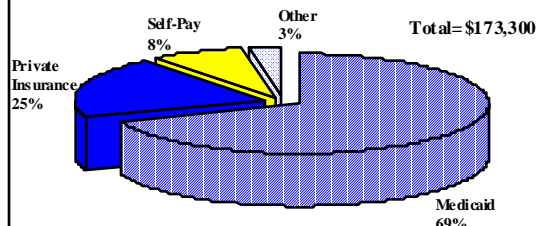
- \$173,300 was charged in 2001 for hospital and ER visits in Colleton county for asthmatic children (<18 years).
- Medicaid covered nearly 69% of these charges.

Leading Causes of Hospitalization in Children Aged 0-18, Colleton County, 2001



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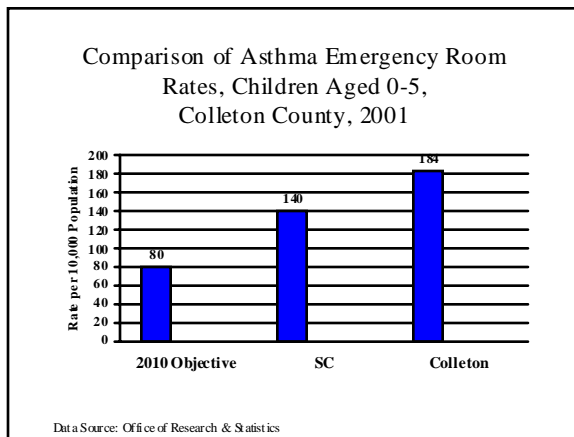
Percent Distribution of Asthma Related ER & Hospitalization Charges of Children Aged 0-18, Colleton County, 2001



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## Emergency Room

- 129 children under the age of 18 visited the ER due to asthma in Colleton county in 2001. This represents 38% of all ER visits due to asthma.
- \$39,080 was charged for ER visits in Colleton county for asthmatic children (< 18 years) in 2001.



- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma related ER visits among children under age 5 years old is 80 per 10,000 children.
- Colleton county had an ER rate of 184 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 140 per 10,000 children.

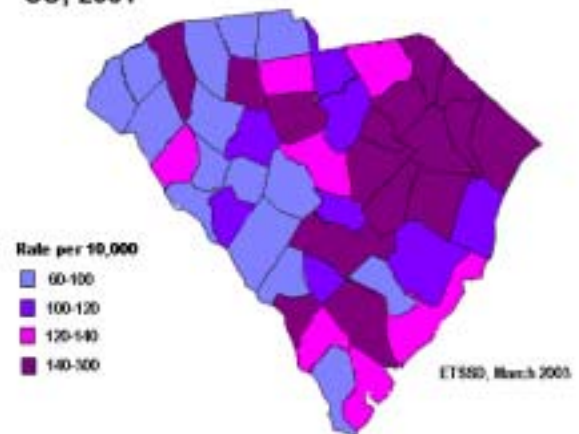


## Disparities

- Non-white children under the age of 18 visit ER more frequently than white children in the same age group.
- The hospitalization rate among non-white children was almost the same as white children in 2001.

Hospital and Emergency Room Rates per 10,000 Children (<18 years), 2001				
	Colleton County		South Carolina	
	White	Non-white	White	Non-white
Hospital	34.9	37.8	19.2	41.5
ER	86.2	171.1	46.0	155.5

## Asthma Related Hospital and ER Visits Rate for Children Younger than 18 SC, 2001



## For more information on asthma contact:

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